
REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

K-8 early registration is \$150 (\$250 after March 3).

YEARBOOKS

Cost is \$13. **ORDERS DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24.** The office will have a very limited supply of yearbooks to sell when they arrive. If you would like a yearbook, **please plan to pre-order.** Extra order forms are available in the school office.

SAVE THE DATE - VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at Salem June 19 - June 23. Watch for more information!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - LIVING HISTORY NIGHT

On March 2, 2017, prominent people in history will come to life and interact with the public. Preschool - Grade 1 will participate as a class. Students in Grades 2-8 will portray a historical figure. Come, enjoy the night with us!

ITEMS NEEDED - LIVING HISTORY NIGHT

Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 1 are need of some items for Living History Night (March 2). If you have any of these items please contact the school office. Thank you!

Butter churn, wash board, dutch oven (cast iron), large wooden bowl, black pot or kettle, egg baskets, horse shoes, railroad spikes, cardboard tubes (from paper towels or wrapping paper), Fischer Price or other large toy boat (like a paddlewheel), roll of blue plastic table cloth (or blue material or clean blue tarps) for making a river, and materials for making logs.

PRINCIPAL CALL UPDATE

On Sunday we called Mr. Matthew Bauer to serve as our new principal. He is currently at St. Mark's in Citrus Heights, California. Please keep Salem and the Bauer family in your prayers as he deliberates this call.



**Congratulations to
the A-team girls
basketball team
for an undefeated
season and
winning the
TCLGSAL
championship!**

Class News

Grade 1 - Mrs. Noack:

What an exciting week it has been! Everyone enjoyed the dress-up days, and celebrating Valentine's Day is always fun! We wish the basketball teams fun and success in the New Ulm tournament!

Despite all the celebrating and fun, we are still making progress in our studies. We continue learning about Jesus' ministry, parables, and miracles. In math we are learning about place values---"new adventures!" We are finishing the review of short vowels, learning about various kinds of sentences, and recently enjoyed a legend for our reading story. Our next story is about the seasons. This topic fits nicely with our science and Spanish current topics. We will also learn about some famous presidents and the Presidency as we observe Presidents' Day. We planted bulbs and studied about plants in science. We will plant seeds next!

Before the wonderful mild weather melted the snow, the boys and girls really had fun sledding at recess. Now we suddenly find ourselves in the "mud season"...this week!

Grade 2 - Mrs. Hansen:

This is an exciting time of year! This week is Spirit week and Valentine's Day! School can't get better then this to be able to come to school dressed in different ways and have a party and eat treats! At the beginning of the month we traveled to Warner Nature Center for a great experience of snowshoeing and kick sledding. The second graders have been working hard on their living history person they will present on March 2. They are very excited to share what they know. Finally at the end of the month their classmate Addison will be visiting the classroom and share with us what it is like to live in Japan.

In the classroom we have been busy learning a variety of topics. In science we are currently learning about dinosaurs. In social studies we have studied the map of the United States and are beginning to learn about some of the famous landmarks of the U.S. In math we finished our unit about shapes and fractions. We are moving on to a unit about telling time. In reading we are reading the book, The Chocolate Touch. It sure makes everyone think about candy while reading this book. In religion we continue to study the Bible stories about the life of Jesus while he was on earth before suffering for our sins by dying on the cross.

Grades 7 & 8 - Tyler Hill and Andrew Hedquist:

We had a great basketball weekend last weekend and a fun start to the week with PJ Day. It was cozy. Tuesday was Twin Day and it was a good time, but some of us had sick friends who were supposed to be our twins. We missed them!

In science we are learning about chemical reactions. We finished out Shakespeare play in reading. We are also learning about diagramming sentences with prepositional phrases. In history we are learning about Europe. In 8th Grade we are learning everything about Algebra, like Two- Step Inequalities.

Calendar

Fri.	Feb. 17:	NO SCHOOL - NEW ULM BB TOURNAMENT
Sat.	Feb. 18:	NEW ULM BB TOURNAMENT
Sun.	Feb. 19:	NEW ULM BB TOURNAMENT
Mon.	Feb. 20:	NO SCHOOL
Tue.	Feb. 21:	5-8 Ski Trip @ Afton Alps
Wed.	Feb. 22:	9:30 AM Chapel
Mon.	Feb. 27:	SCRIP ORDERS DUE



SAINTS BASKETBALL

Salem A Boys Plagued by Untimely Illnesses

Our Salem Saints tipped-off the TCLGSAL tournament at the Kennedy Activity Center on Friday, February 10th. Ever since mid-November, the A boys have hoped for a chance to avenge our tough loss at Pilgrim. This was our chance. I knew we were a much improved team from our second game of the season and this was the main reason I held the utmost confidence in our boys. The key to winning this game lied in limiting Pilgrim's points off turnovers, which means we needed to prevent live ball turnovers. The Saints did just that, which made Pilgrim score most of their points in the half court against our excellent zone defense. Andy Raasch (25 points) did a remarkable job of attacking the basket via the baseline drive out of our zone offense. This got Pilgrim into tremendous first half foul trouble that helped us control the entire game by a slim margin. As the final buzzer sounded, the coaches were able to breathe a sigh of relief as the Saints prevailed by a final of 35-31. This great game got everyone all excited to see what the rest of the weekend had in store. Unfortunately, this is when the plague hit.

Our next game pitted us against Good Shepherd, the eventual tournament champions. We certainly had a chance to win this game, however; we needed our best performance of the season. Sadly, it went the exact opposite. As the near entirety of our team faced illnesses, it was painful to watch such a lifeless performance. Our zone offense, which was highly effective a night earlier, looked incredibly stagnant against a well-prepared Panthers 2-3 defense. We limped off of St. Croix Lutheran's beautiful court with an ugly 36-14 defeat. Even though everyone was sick, I prayed for a better effort from our boys in Sunday's third place contest.

When I woke up Sunday morning, I was not even sure we would have enough guys to field a team. For third place, we were scheduled to play a solid King of Grace squad. When at full strength, this game would make for an extreme dogfight. However, our boys showed up looking more like walking corpses than full strength. Even though we lost 35-17, our boys played with much better effort than the previous day. I would like to commend the players who despite being sick, attended all three games over the weekend. While feeling incredibly ill, it takes lots of courage just to show up, much less play with the heart and desire our boys displayed on Sunday! Also, a big thank you to fifth grader, Luke Otto, and sixth grader, Griffin Paulsen, who suited up and even got minutes!

Congratulations to the Salem A girls for capping off an undefeated season with the conference tournament title! As New Ulm quickly approaches, I hope everyone soaks in the fun "Spirit Week" festivities!

By: Coach Travis Koester